



Minutes

Bicycle & Trails Advisory Committee

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 20, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Cheu called the meeting to order at 6:15pm

PRESENT: Hubbell, Cheu, Hauge, Eltgroth, McCann, Scott, and Parks and Recreation Commissioner Tom Madalena

ABSENT: Clark

STAFF: Public Works Senior Engineer Julie Behzad
Public Works Administrative Secretary Karen Nelson
Public Works Deputy Director Mr. Karl Bjarke

DECLARATION - POSTING OF AGENDA: Ms. Behzad certified that this meeting's agenda was duly noticed and posted in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ms. Behzad opened the meeting to public comments. There being no comments, the public comments period was closed.

MINUTES: The minutes for the November 18, 2004 meetings were unanimously approved.

ORAL REPORTS:

1. Staff Report

*** Bicycling and Walking Meeting**

Ms. Behzad reported that she & Member McCann attended the meeting with Bob Chauncey, the Director for Policy Analysis, National Center for Bicycling and Walking. She passed out a report from their web site. In response to Member Hubbell's question, "What is Morgan Hill going to get out of the meeting?", Member McCann explained that they were interested to know what we as a community were doing versus what is done nationally. Their intention was mostly networking. Member Scott will be in Washington in March and suggested making contact to build the relationship.

*** Bike Loop Legend**

Ms. Behzad reported that as part of the grant, legends will be painted where the bike loops are located.

*** Report on Recreation Department's Response to Running the Sprockids Program**

Ms. Behzad reported that she contacted Therese Lugger regarding the Committee's inquiry as to the Recreation Department's interest in running the Sprockids program. Ms. Lugger tried to contact Member Hubbell, who hasn't made return contact with her yet. Member Hauge has not yet talked to his daughter's school about the curriculum, but will soon. Safe Communities Network is adding middle schools to their program next year. They want to do a pilot study and diversion program about what is going on (bike safety course is a diversion). Hubbell asked if any school systems have implemented the program? Palo Alto has been doing it for years. San Jose has a program running. How did those cities get that going and who will be running it? Traffic Safe Communities Network sent out information to the school districts and principals and narrowed it down to four schools. PTA's seem to be the best way to get things going. A lot of the education goes through the Fire Departments. Palo Alto classes are a combination of parents and LAB cycling instructors that teach the program. They also have an adult class through adult education. Safe Routes to Schools Program should be available in May, and information can be obtained from LAB. Member Scott noted that it would be great to get funding and have Morgan Hill be a test city.

*** 2004 City Council Goals Regarding Governance**

Ms. Behzad reminded the committee of Ed Tewes' attendance at a previous meeting. She does not yet have the report, but will bring it back when it is received.

2. Countywide Bicycle Advisory Committee Update

- Member Eltgroth reported December & January meetings were canceled.
- 3 projects recommended for funding

3. Chair Announcements

- None

BUSINESS

1. Morgan Hill's Bicycle Friendly Community Application

Member Hauge reported he received the Police Department's input. He has everything he needs; he'll update the information, including that Member Scott is attending the Summit in Washington

DC. We have the Bicycle Friendly Community Resolution, and having the bike race in Morgan Hill will also look good on the application. Member Scott has some photos from both the bike parking at Taste of Morgan Hill & last year's bike rodeo that can be included with the application.

2. Bike Race

Member Scott is the contact person for Specialized and this committee. BTAC is the driving force behind the race on 4/10/05, but Specialized is the sponsor and the committee is comprised of members from the community including an outside person to run it (Rick Sutton). Member Scott gave an agenda of the race. Webcor Builders will fix the bridge on Third Street (pro-bono). Member Scott is following up with Webcor who is getting the permits. There will be food and other vendors; it will be a family event, Rick expects 300 athletes & 2000 spectators. Mr. Bjarke remarked that the City needs to get on board. The Special Event Permit has already been submitted, which will get the City up to speed. Race promoters are getting the application through. A presentation to the City Council will be made by having the sponsor contact the Clerk's office. When Member Clark presented this idea to the PRC, there were questions about funding and costs. Rick Sutton's group is the promoter; they will fund the event. Member Hubbell suggested having a meeting with Rick & City staff. Mr. Bjarke said the permit process will get us the information we need, but it could be anywhere from two weeks to two months to get the permit through. Mr. Bjarke asked if the bots dots have to come up off the street; Member Eltgroth said that they did. When the presentation is made to Council, it was suggested that they will want to hear that merchants, churches, and the Chamber have already been contacted. Member Scott said she believes that the sponsor is going to solicit sponsorships from the community to help pay for the expenses of the race; the City is not being asked for funding. Morgan Stanley is the bike club that will provide labor and sponsorship for this event. Member Eltgroth noted that deadlines for advertising in publications is quickly approaching.

3. Bike Rodeo

Member Hubbell remarked that this event should run every year. May 14th is Art Ala Cart. Julie sent an e-mail to Rodney Reno asking if POA was interested in being involved this year. Last year, the POA paid \$600 for Safe Moves plus \$300 for printing flyers (which they will not be doing this year, although they will attend and provide volunteer support); the remaining \$600 for Safe Moves came from donations. Member Scott will help work on raising donated funds.

4. Bike to Work Week

Member McCann reported Bike to Work Day is Thursday 5/19. The Bay Area Bike Coalition is organizing local events. The Executive Director is a good person to contact for information. Member McCann is involved in a "Biking for Seniors" tape that will be aired in Cupertino, Mt. View, & Los Altos. This will be shown during Bike to Work Week.

5. New Member for BPAC

Member Eltgroth and Julie reported that a BPAC member has to be appointed by the Mayor, but any member of the public can attend the meetings. Ms. Behzad spoke with Steve Flynn. A BTAC

member needs to volunteer before the Mayor can send a letter to VTA. Their meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday after the Board meets.

6. New Meeting Dates & Time Options – Council Chambers Available 4th Thursday

Ms. Behzad reported that the Council Chambers are available on the 4th Thursday of each month. By unanimous vote, all future meetings are moved from the 3rd Thursday to the 4th Thursday of the month.

7. Sprockids/LAB Programs in Morgan Hill

Member Hubbell asked to continue this item to the next agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

(This is the opportunity for any committee member to have an item placed on a future agenda.)

- Add item re: educational programs (Sprockids & LAB programs)
- Mushroom Mardi Gras Bike Parking, etal – Member Hubbell requested that Bike Parking be placed on each agenda as an on-going discussion item.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. The next meeting will be held on February 24, 2005 at 6:15 pm.